

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended). A surgical clip, comprising:
  - a) a first arm;
  - b) a second arm;
  - c) a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure;
  - d) at least one deformable retainer extending ~~[[from]]~~ past one end of said arms in a direction, wherein said retainer has a length in said direction of at least approximately  $n$  times the distance between the arms when the arms are substantially parallel.
2. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:

said first arm has a first thickness and said retainer has a second thickness smaller than said first thickness.
3. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

4. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:  
said retainer has a sharp tip.
5. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 1, wherein:  
said retainer is decouplable from said one of said arms.
6. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 5, wherein:  
said retainer is removably coupled to said arms by a  
friction fit.
7. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 2, wherein:  
said at least one deformable retainer extending from one  
of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending  
from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and  
both retainers being approximately the same length.
8. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 7, wherein:  
said retainers are decouplable from said arms.
9. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 8, wherein:  
said retainers are removably coupled to said arms by  
friction fits.

10. (original). A surgical clip according to claim 9,  
wherein:

each of said arms includes an end portion defining a slot, and each of said deformable retainers includes a proximal portion which has a friction fit with a respective slot.

11 to 16 (canceled).

17. (original). A kit, comprising:

a) at least one surgical clip; and  
b) an applier for applying said at least one surgical clip to tissue, wherein

said at least one surgical clip comprises a first arm, a second arm, a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure, and at least one deformable retainer extending from one of said arms, wherein said retainer has a length of at least approximately  $n$  times the distance between the arms when the arms are substantially parallel.

18. (original). A kit according to claim 17, wherein:

said at least one surgical clip comprises a plurality of surgical clips.

19 to 20 (canceled).

21 (currently amended). A surgical clip, comprising:

a first arm;

a second arm;

a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure with said first and second arms being substantially parallel to one another;

at least one deformable retainer extending ~~[[from]]~~ past one end of said arms in a direction, said retainer having a length in said direction equal to a multiple of a distance between said arms, said multiple being greater than 2.5 ~~approximately equal to H~~.

22 (currently amended). A surgical clip, comprising:

a first arm;

a second arm;

a bridge connecting said first and second arms to form a substantially U-shaped structure; and [[and;]]

at least one deformable retainer extending [[form]] from one of said arms and having a deformable portion, said deformable portion of said retainer having a length of at least approximately  $\Pi$  times the distance between said arms when said arms are substantially parallel.

23 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said first arm has a first thickness and said retainer has a second thickness smaller than said first thickness.

24 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

25 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer has a sharp tip.

26 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 22, wherein said retainer is decouplable from said one of said arms.

27 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to 26, wherein said retainer is removably coupled to said arms by a friction fit.

28 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 23, wherein said deformable retainer extending from one of said arms includes two deformable retainers, one extending from each of said arms, both retainers having a sharp tip and both retainers being approximately the same length.

29 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 28, wherein said retainers are decouplable from said arms.

30 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 29, wherein said retainers are removably coupled to said arms by friction fits.

31 (previously presented). A surgical clip according to claim 30, wherein each of said arms includes an end portion defining a slot, and each of said deformable retainers includes a proximal portion having a friction fit with respective slot.